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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Coordinator for Academic Relations, NFAC

SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Briefing [REDACTED]

REFERENCE : Your memo dtd 20 Apr 79, Subj: Meeting on Soviet
Muslim Languages [REDACTED]

1. There is no question as to the importance of the sources Mr. [REDACTED] discussed on 19 April. The only issue is how best to exploit them. We have been moving actively to build up our collection capabilities on the Soviet minority areas, guided by the NIO, the NITO, and the interagency Soviet Nationalities Working Group chaired by [REDACTED] in which we participate. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] source list makes it clear that he appreciates the need to examine Soviet Central Asian materials in the broad context of Soviet central and other regional sources. That is at the core of our approach. We further believe that radio and press must be exploited in a package, and we have made some progress. [REDACTED]

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25X1 5. Our radio and press coverage of Mongolian sources and of Chinese Inner Asia is fairly good. We exploit all but one of the Mongol publications [] listed, along with several not on his list, and we monitor the Mongolian People's Republic press agency MONTISAME daily. We cover several press sources on Chinese Inner Asia and regularly scan editions of the Chinese HONGQI in Uighur, Kazakh, Mongolian, and Korean as well as in Chinese. We monitor the regional radios of Changchun, Harbin, Hohhot, Lanzhou, Lhasa, and Urumqi as well as the Beijing radio in Uighur. []

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Director
JFK

NFAC #1866/79
12 April 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Reference
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations, NFAC

SUBJECT : Intelligence of Soviet Muslim Minorities [REDACTED]

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1. Attached is a memorandum, dated 9 April, received from the DCI on the above subject together with copies of materials he received from me from which he wrote his memo. [REDACTED]

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2. I have been in touch with [REDACTED]. He tells me that the author of the paper the Director sent me with his memo of 27 February is [REDACTED] of his staff. [REDACTED] subsequently called me and indicated that he is available to talk to us more or less at our convenience. [REDACTED]

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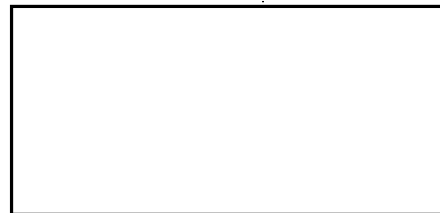
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3. [REDACTED] Scholar-in-Residence attached to the NIO/USSR-EE, has been working on the problem of access to local central Asian publications for the Director too. He is exploring the academic angle and knows of some immigrants from that part of the world who have the requisite language skills, either as scholars or as former residents who speak the tongues. [REDACTED]

4. It seems obvious that to explore the avenues the Director wants explored and, eventually, to accomplish what he wants accomplished, will require some orchestration. I'd appreciate it if each of you will designate someone to work with me and [REDACTED] I'd also appreciate an early response so that we can get started not later than next week (i.e. 16 April). [REDACTED]

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Attachments



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